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Sir:

We submit herewith the usual Form PTO-1449 together with copies of publications listed therein. They are submitted to comply with the Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and are believed related to this application. A copy of the European Search Report dated October 10, 2003 is also enclosed. The second page of the Search Report is missing. However, it recites a publication which, together with the first publication on the first page of the Search Report, correspond to US 6,117,389 and US 5,616,188, which were previously cited by the Examiner.

We are submitting this in the spirit of voluntary disclosure and look forward with interest to the Examiner's action at an early date on the merits of the case.

It is accordingly requested that the Information Disclosure Statement be officially entered in the file of this case and that appropriate notification be made that it was considered in the prosecution of the case.

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